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Run-off to decide SGA vice president

By PATSY BOWEN
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The SGA vice-presidential position will be decided in a run-off election today between Joe Ciaramitaro and James Prather.

In the regular elections held Tuesday, the vice president's race resulted in both Ciaramitaro and Prather receiving 38% of the votes with the third candidate, Todd Carpenter, bringing in 26% of the votes cast.

In the President's competition, Reggie Williams received 906 of the 1706 votes cast but, because of votes cast for a write-in candidate, Tim Percy, the results are inconclusive, according to Brad Hurley, SGA President.

With the addition of the write-in candidate, possibly none of the candidates received a simple majority.

As of Wednesday night, however, Bill Terry had decided to withdraw his official petition to

contest the election results.

Terry still has until next Tuesday, one week from the election date, to protest the outcome.

Mary Roberts ran unopposed for the office of Secretary of Affairs and brought in 1628 votes.

Since there was only one candidate for the office of Secretary of Communication, the election commission decided to put the office on Tuesday's ballot instead of holding a special election which had been the previous plan. Fletcher Rickman pulled in 1624 votes to fill this position.

The race between John Hale and Rick Bennett for the office of Secretary of Finance was easily decided with Hale receiving 67% of the votes.

John Bell is the new Secretary of Minority Affairs, bringing in 62% of the 625 votes cast by the minority students, winning over Billy Ware.

As of now, all elections results are unofficial and according to Chief Justice Mark Chandler, they will not become official until the election commission meets and time is given for contestation of the results.

Speaking for the election commission, Maggie Newton explained, "The elections went very smoothly and we'd like to thank everybody for voting."

John Hale, the re-elected Secretary of Finance emphasized, "I would like to congratulate all the winners and I'm very enthusiastic

about next year. I want to see more emphasis placed on student views and in trying to get students to express their views to the Student Government officials. I think if we can do this, it will be better for all UTM students."

Newly elected Secretary of Communications Fletcher Rickman commented that he appreciated everybody for going out to vote and he was looking forward to working with SGA this year. No other newly elected official could be reached for comment.

Joe Ciaramitaro

James Prather



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Don't be surprised if Same tests, then same answers

When final grades were released at the end of last quarter, all 82 students who took the final exam in Gerald McElvain's Psychology 2120 class received "incompletes." The incompletes were given because, according to McElvain, students obviously had previous knowledge of the test questions.

Last week, The Pacer looked at cheating and test security and found that the Print Shop, as well as the academic departments, have developed guidelines that are used to protect the credibility of the testing procedure. In spite of these measures, however, cheating does occur.

This week, The Pacer looks at the issue from a different perspective—from the eyes of the students. The question now becomes: Does looking at an old test constitute cheating?

By RAMONA SANDERS
Editor

"It wasn't cheating. It was a study procedure. I don't think he can really accuse anyone of cheating when he uses the same questions over and over again."

Let's call this student "John Doe." Last quarter he was enrolled in freshman psychology under Gerald McElvain, and although his name isn't really John, he says he represents the ideas of most of the students who supposedly cheated on last quarter's Psychology 2120 final exam.

"As I see it, it was a study guide. You know, just to get general information. I had no idea that it would be exactly the same. But to my surprise, what do you know!"

According to John Doe, when he studied for each exam of last quarter's psychology exams, he followed the usual study procedures. He studied notes, the book, and lastly, he looked at old tests as a guide to test his knowledge of the material.

As for where John acquired this old test, he would pinpoint no specific source except to say that tests are readily available to anyone who merely asks around in order to get one.

"If it's there and it's available, why not take advantage of it," he said.

John also emphasized that when questions are repeatedly used on tests, then the teacher is asking for trouble.

"When even one test gets out, then it's gone and its chances of being duplicated and reduplicated are great.

"Instead of trying to pin something on some student, I think the least a teacher can do is to redo his test occasionally...at least reword the test questions."

As for other instructors within the Psychology Department, John Doe said that he had taken these same type of objective tests from two different instructors but had found a different situation there.

According to John, test questions for these instructors' tests are not readily available.

As for yet another professor within the department, a different student (let's call her Jane) experienced the same test duplication that John did in his class.

"On one of the tests I took last

quarter, the first 30 questions were identical to the questions I had studied from an old test."

There seems to be a serious problem involving test credibility within the Psychology Department, but is the problem isolated? Other students say "no."

Mary Doe took First Aid and Safety during a past quarter. She admits, "Before I took the exam, I

So what did Mary Doe do with this test?

"As an independent student, I got it from one fraternity guy who had gotten it from another sorority girl. Then, after taking the exam, I gave the copy to a different fraternity guy and who knows where it went from there."

Mary explained that she passed the test along with the information that it was the exact same test. Also, like John, she faults the teacher for any lack of fairness in the testing process. She also says that tests are available for just about any class where the test has been reused over and over again.

"They are around. You just have to know who to ask."

As for another example, Joe Brown in an introductory nutrition class also studied an exact copy of a test before the test

handed me a copy of an old test and said to use it as a study guide, but when I went in to take the test, it was identical to the one I'd studied from."

Ed Doe also tells his story.

Before a Special Education final exam, one student openly recited the test questions and answers to the other 20 or 30 students in the class.

"That guy," said Ed, "had the exact same test I took five minutes later and that test counted 2/3 of grade for the entire course."

"He only had a few minutes, but before the teacher came in, he read out as many questions as he could. He'd say number 37 and read the questions and then the multiple choice answers—a, b, c, d.—and sure enough, it was exactly the same as the test questions."

As an honest student, Ed said, "When someone can have a copy of the tests and all they have to do is memorize it, it's really not fair."

Although some students place blame on the instructors for reusing old questions, it should be noted that these professors supposedly never release any copies of these tests to students.

As McElvain explained in a previous article, "I count the people in the class taking a test and then I check the number of tests that come back."

Also, McElvain, as well as the other instructors cited, do not redistribute the tests after the test is given. Grades are posted or given orally to students; therefore, if every student were totally honest, there would be no problem with test security, even when the same questions are reused by instructors.

Certainly, it is unethical for students to steal the original tests, and in order for students to acquire the original tests, they must do it unethically. They must steal.

Is it unethical, however, for students to use old tests which are acquired from illegal sources?

In summary, however, as it now stands, tests are available in an organized manner through fraternity and sorority test files and through the library's test files.

Old tests are also passed around by individual students who keep their old tests and pass them along to friends.

In general, students feel that tests from test files are legal sources of study information. Students feel that they do not cheat unless they obtain the information illegally.

Also, for the most part, students do not question the source of the test. They merely study it.

Next week, the Pacer will again examine this area of test security vs. cheating, this time from the viewpoint of the teachers. The Pacer will also look at the use of old tests in the library and in the sorority and fraternity files.

A Pacer Analysis

studied a copy of an old test, one which I received from a friend of mine."

According to Mary, she used the old test to get a general idea of what material would be covered on the test, not as a crutch merely to memorize answers.

"I never thought I'd be handed the exact same test which would make me feel like a cheater when I walked out," she explained.



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Police investigation uncovers problems

By KEVIN ROBERSON
Student Writer

The investigation of the Martin Police Department by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has been "obscured by rumor and unfounded innuendo," according to officers of the MPD.

The Police agreed to speak with reporters anonymously about the investigation to express their views and problems and admitted that a portion of the media was true, but that the whole matter had been blown out of proportion.

One officer said problems have existed within the department for several years, but the last three have been the most severe.

He also confirmed that factionalism has occurred for some time which began with one particular officer and later joined by others, who repeatedly "broke all the rules" other officers had to abide by.

"What it wound up with was 10 officers trying to do their job and keep the department going and five the other way," one officer said. "It has been that way for three years."

No officer said just why the issue surfaced at this point, but one blamed the city board for not doing something before now.

"I personally feel the mayor and board should have acted eight or nine months ago," said the officer. "They can't use ignorance as an excuse because things have been brought to their attention before, but they ignored them and hoped they would go away."

All who were interviewed said they certainly were not enjoying the investigation, but welcomed it and looked forward to its conclusion.

"I really hated to see the investigation come out like it has," said one officer. "We wanted it and needed it, and I know it is going to bring things to light that the people of Martin need to know."

One officer said the nature of the wrongdoing was that some officers have "messed up" cases or "stolen" them to obtain all the credit from others.

"It needs to be more than a slap on the wrist or a simple suspension," said one officer. "That's what we are wanting our board to take care of."

Mayor Tom Copeland assured that once the results are in, the board will take "appropriate and immediate" actions.

The attorney general will handle all criminal charges and "make arrests immediately."

The past few years have deteriorated the morale of the entire department and one officer said that the last 12 months have tested his determination.

"My wife and I have lived a terrible life for the past two years or more, worrying over the police department," he said. "The last 12 months have really been terrible."

One officer said there is not anyone on the force who has not looked for another job.

"Just about all have said if they could find something that paid anywhere near what they get here, they would leave," said the officer.

Officers said the reports of the investigation have made their lives even tougher and damaged the credibility of the force.

"You see people on the street and they look like they are in mourning," said one officer. "They want to say something, but they don't know what to say."

He also said the police are having a hard time getting facts from informants because of mistrust and fear of getting involved.

"It's rough," another said. "We pick up drunks and they look at us and tell us we're no good. It's doubly hard right now to do your job."

According to one policeman, some officers are holding back because of the whole "environment of factionalism and related problems."

"This one officer would steal cases and, when he would get into court, he wouldn't know about them," one officer said. "He messed up some that we had completely solved."

One officer downplayed the controversy surrounding the evidence room, but said TBI agents found it in such a mess, they could hardly inventory it.

"We lost one drug case about two to three months ago because of things being taken out of it," said one officer.

He also acknowledged that there are guns missing from the room, but did not say how many.

An alleged problem with departmental records has also been reported, but no officer knew what TBI agents were looking for.

One officer said, "They have had an accountant come in and have gone to extremes to investigate them."

One officer acknowledged the existence of "watergate" tapes, which contain testimony from people outside the department and eyewitnesses, who allege professional misconduct in handling cases.

"I don't believe the tapes are the

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OPINIONS

COMP: A test that's good for UTM and for YOU

At some point in their college career, everyone wonders if all of the effort, time, and money that they put into trying to get a degree is really worth all of the trouble. They wonder if UTM is really preparing them for the future.

Now there is a way to find out just what you are getting from UTM.

The American College Testing Program has developed the College Outcome Measures Project. COMP measures the ability of students to use and apply six skills which studies have shown are important for functioning in society. These skills are communicating (speaking and writing), problem solving, clarifying values, functioning within social institutions, using science and technology, and using the arts and humanities.

Last week around 100 seniors joined participants from colleges and universities across Tennessee and the national as participants in the 1983 COMP evaluation. The test will not only measure how well they did as individuals, but it will also assess the effectiveness of UTM's general education curriculum. This will be accomplished by comparing the scores of the UTM senior sample with the national sample and by comparing the UTM sample with scores of entering freshman.

Last year, UTM received the third highest score for improved performance by its graduates among the 59 colleges and universities participating in the project. UTM's faculty and administrative staff should give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done. The results aren't in on this year's tests, but we are confident that UTM's emphasis on quality undergraduate education will place us at the top once again.

Dr. K. Paul Jones, director for faculty and instructional development, and his staff can take much of the credit for making the actual administration of the test on this campus a reality; however, it is the students who participate in COMP who are the real heroes. Not only do they have to give up almost an entire day to complete the first part of the test, but they have to complete time-consuming segments of the test like the public speaking evaluation later in the week and on their own time. Participants, thanks for caring enough about your education and this university's performance to make these sacrifices.

If you are called upon to take part in COMP next year, DO. The test is not only practical, but it is worthwhile. It will let you know how well you stack up against members of your senior class and graduating seniors all over the country. When you receive the results, use them to identify your strengths and weaknesses, and improve those areas that need improvement. Hopefully, UTM will do the same.



Cops-N-Robbers

4/11/83-6:42 a.m.—Two pigs were found running wild in Browning Hall.
4/13/83-8:45 a.m.—Student reported he lost his checkbook. The checkbook was found and returned to the student.
4/10/83-9:51 p.m.—Alcohol was found in Austin Peay resident's room during routine inspection and turned

over to safety and security.
4/9/83-8:56 a.m.—Dog in Gooch Hall was disturbing a class by barking and howling in the hallway.
4/11/83-1:42 a.m.—While checking an open house violation the head resident of Austin Peay Hall found 1 liter golden grain PGA, 1 liter Canadian Mist and 3 girls.

Congress elections next month, Discount movies are tonight!!!

SGA Dateline

Reggie Williams

Elections are over for the most part. Banners, flyers, and graffiti have been removed. Now we can finally observe the stairwell in the University Center. But beware, Congress elections will be next month.

Congratulations to all new SGA officers and good luck for the upcoming school year. To the old officers, thanks for a job well done and we wish you good tidings for the future. Brad Hurley's administration only have eleven more days to remain in office. The Installation Banquet will be held in the University Center Ballroom, May 2, 1983 at 6 p.m.

Since everything is in a transitional period, I only have two more dateline articles remaining before the new Secretary of Communications takes office—his name is Fletcher Rickman. Get ready Fletcher! I wanted to take this time and thank all students who found time in their busy schedules to attend the Public Speakout and get some free food. If you weren't there, you missed many questions that students ask concerning the itemized budget, T.I.E.C. (rising education costs), student payments on certain employment, and foodbill problems. It

was a nice time to meet the students halfway and to see and hear them express their concerns. I would advise the next cabinet to address some of these problems and find better ways to set up open forums and see what the students really want on a large basis.

Also, thanks to those of you who took a few seconds to vote out of the eight hours that the polls were open. If you voted for a candidate who didn't win—don't let it upset you; we are all winners and qualified leaders. If you didn't vote or just didn't care, please don't complain.

SGA has a special treat for you; tonight is Student Discount Night at Volunteer Twin II. The double feature will be "Spring Break" & "The Outsiders". Showtime is 10:30 p.m. You can see either movie for \$1.75 with a valid Student I.D. Please take advantage of the Student Discount Night.

Next week is National Secretaries Week, April 24-30th. It would be very nice to get something that says, "We're thinking of you." For those secretaries who type all day, answer the phones, take all sorts of crap from students—hat's off to them.

Farnsworth: Straight Talk on Evolution

Viewpoint

Since so many of you who read my previous articles had absolutely no idea what I was talking about, I decided to cut out all the fancy dialogue and give it to you straight.

To put it bluntly, I don't think evolution's true. I don't think it's half as scientifically sound as it's made out to be. In fact, I feel like there are a number of major flaws with the theory that have caused me to doubt its validity. Here are a few examples:

1.) Where did the first atom come from? Most evolutionists hold to the "Big Bang" theory as the origin of everything. This theory says that a 'primeval explosion occurred that converted energy into matter which then spread out and conglomerated into planets and galaxies. This explosion was caused by a gravitational collapse into a super dense state, the pressure of which caused it to explode.' Now that sounds feasible, doesn't it? That sounds "scientific." Or at least it should until you look at it closely.

For one thing, what exactly was it that exploded? We know that there had to have been absolutely nothing out in the universe before the first atom came into existence (otherwise we'd have to explain where that came from). So if there was nothing out there in space (no protons, no neutrons, no anything), then there must have been a gravitational collapse of nothing. This collapse of nothing created a super dense state (of nothing), which in turn caused a tremendous explosion (of nothing). This explosion of nothing created everything in the universe. Now I don't mean to be sarcastic, but have you ever tried to explode nothing before? And have you ever tried to explode it with the intent of getting something out of it? Sounds silly, doesn't it?

2.) How did life come from non-life? This answer generally comes in the form of a lightning bolt hitting a sea of chemicals and out popping a living (though primitive) organism. Again, I don't mean to sound ignorant, but have

you ever tried to create life with a lightning bolt? Most of the lightning bolts I know would fry a particle to bits. About the only thing they've been known to create are forest fires. And can you imagine something as complex as a DNA molecule being zapped into existence by a cosmic charge? Not me, man.

Anyway, these are two of the

problems I've got with evolution. My hope in all these Farnsworth articles is that you'll question what you've heard about evolution (and thus give creation without evolution an honest chance), and also that you'll really think things out for yourself. Is it possible for nothing to collapse into nothing and explode? Is it possible for a lightning bolt to create life? What do you think?

Higher Educator Ethics Questioned

Viewpoint

Every spring we are taken over by poster pandemonium (elections). Elections are a healthy and, at times, humbling experience to watch our colleagues participate in this political process. The yearly occurrence does us good whether we grasp it externally or subliminally. Advisably, we should get involved in this political movement to see just how it works and how we can make it work more effectively.

Just as we have our political movement or process, so do the administrators and educators, or so it seems. A management professor told me one time that a course in corporate politics should be included for all curriculums and should be made mandatory, just as English, in order to graduate. This was to give all students the proper knowledge of how to "brown nose" their way into a job or a

desired position. Little did this person know that if we would just keep our eyes and ears open and our mouths shut, that a course like this would not be necessary. This is a common occurrence at UTM. It's really a shame that there are administrators and educators that fall into this category. I suppose they participate in this extra-curricular activity because they have been exposed to it so long, it's a second nature to them. I think this is an extra-curricular activity because I really don't believe this is included in their job description. It might be necessary for administrators and educators to act like this due to a number of circumstances: heredity, survival, pressure or it's just plain fun to see how much you can get out of a person. For example, the challenge of doing it. To know that our superiors have to resort

to flattery, to be nice about it, to get what he/she wants from a particular person is an injustice to that person, to that department and to us. I thought this form of discrimination is what we are in college to learn how to deter. The Campus that Cares may be paying attention to its students, but is it accessing the internal problems of the administrators and educators?

One of the main attributes that UTM is doing for its "employees" is increasing the role of nepotism. Nepotism is favoritism shown to relatives or the consideration shown to relatives by reason of relationship rather than merit. This increases coherence between departments, gives UTM that "family band" and makes it extremely difficult for certain people to join the inner circle. Perhaps a look at the hiring practices of the personnel

administrator is needed. I thought nepotism was a no-no (illegal). I guess it boils down to brown-nosing, politics, nepotism and/or "It's who you know." Perhaps the University is correct in conveying these self made principles so we can relate to them in the real world.

In all honesty this is not, in any way a slur against UTM. This is just my way to communicate to you, students, administrators and educators, what I think might be some internal issues that might need to be examined. How can we call UTM "The Campus That Cares" when part of the upper-echelon are brown-nosing and stabbing people in the back to get where or what they want. This problem needs to be confronted so we call UTM "The Campus That Cares About Each Other."

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FEATURES

Cantrell comments on secretary skills

By JON IVINS
Features Editor

Upon entering Chancellor Smith's plush, warm, hospitable office on the third floor of the Administration Building, one is greeted by a charming, hospitable woman whom no one outside the UTM staff knows.

This friendly woman is Connie J. Cantrell, Chancellor Smith's audacious secretary, who is most likely the busiest secretary on the UTM campus.

Keeping up with the Chancellor and his hectic schedule both on and off campus, Connie has an extremely demanding job.

Taking 15 minutes out of her busy schedule to talk to me, Connie offered me a cup of coffee, made certain I was comfortable and made me feel right at home.

Connie loves her job as a secretary for UTM because of the people she meets. "I'm a people-oriented person and I feel that a secretary must have this quality. But technical skills are an obvious asset as well," said Connie.

She continued, explaining that what she enjoys about working as a UTM secretary is the students. "The best thing about the job is the students here. I love students! Being a secretary on a college campus, you learn so much just by being around students.

"I like the sense of being needed. Just to have a student say, 'Thank you for helping me,' is very rewarding."

Connie's work is seldom done, what with keeping track of the chancellor and doing most of his paperwork. Using her efficiency well, she utilizes her talents for the students' welfare.

"My job is very demanding and very challenging. But I love the job. I think if a job--any job--has no challenge, it isn't worthwhile," Connie said.

"Something different always comes along; there is always something new for me to learn."

Connie rarely has any spare time. In her job, she finds herself trying to catch up on paperwork when the chancellor is out of town.

"I hold off on things as long as I can. When Dr. Smith is here, it's impossible

to do it all, so I use the time when he's out of town for my catch-up time."

Connie feels that working as a secretary at UTM is the most rewarding job financially and otherwise in Weakley County and the surrounding area, making this the best place to work.

"A secretary could get more money

in another, better paying job just as a business person could, but the money is not such a big factor in this job," Connie explained.

"The students and staff at UTM are the greatest bunch of people in the world to work with and that makes the difference in a well-paying hated job and one you really like."

She finds there are many courtesies extended to a secretary here that are not found in jobs in the surrounding area.

"Although this is not a perfect job--no job is--UTM is an ideal place to work."

"The feeling of belonging is extremely important today, like being in one big family, you just become a part of it!" declared Connie emphatically.

Connie said a few years ago women seemed to be almost forced to work in fields such as accounting and engineering because there were so few women there. Women were pushed by the promise of money and opportunities to enter these fields.

Connie urged, "You should go into something you know you will be happy with. I don't see how you could possibly be happy in a job you didn't like, no matter how much it pays."

Next week, April 24-30, is

Professional Secretaries Week. According to Connie, the name has been changed from National Secretaries Week by the new organization in charge, Professional Secretaries International.

This organization will coordinate activities on campus for Secretaries Week which Connie plans to participate in.

Connie said, "I don't intend to do anything extremely special for Secretaries Week. I plan to attend a pot luck dinner Monday, a coffee furnished by Mrs. Smith on Wednesday, Secretaries Day, and the annual Secretaries Luncheon, the big event of the week on Friday."

"I'll be lucky if I can go out to dinner one night during that week," Connie stated.

Connie is indeed a hard-working secretary, as all the other secretaries at UTM appear to be. Each of these hard-working people get little recognition and the people they work for seem to get most of the credit.

Without these wonderful people called secretaries, it is safe to say that very little would ever get done. So be nice to secretaries this week, and try to have that carry over and remember their efforts all through the year. They deserve it!



Photo by Hugh Smalley

UT to plan vacations for alumni

By KEELY DAMRON
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Friends and alumni of the University of Tennessee have an opportunity to reminisce and enjoy college life for five days this summer at one of the three UT campuses: Knoxville, Chattanooga or Martin.

The Alumni Family College was proposed by the UT National Alumni Association after the great response to the 1982 program, "Meet Me at the Fair", where UT alumni could stay in UTK's facilities during their visit to the World's Fair.

July 10-15 will be the dates for the

UT Martin Alumni Family College. The program is planned to include the entire family (toddlers to senior citizens) in recreation, lectures by faculty members and special activities.

A special Youth Program is planned for children six to sixteen years old. Children from 6 weeks to 6 years will be cared for at the Happy House Day Care Center.

Families who wish to stay on campus will be lodged in G-H Hall.

Bob Carroll, Director of Alumni Affairs at UTM, states there are three big pluses in the Program: (1) gives the alumni an opportunity to return to the

college environment, (2) provides a fairly inexpensive family vacation and (3) provides an opportunity to acquire new knowledge about various subjects.

Carroll states that the program has been successful at other state universities such as Univ. of Indiana and Penn. State. He feels there is a tremendous potential in this service to the alumni and is optimistic about the response the program will receive.

He predicts there will be an interchange of students among the three campuses. One UTK alumni

applicant has already applied to UTM's program because of the added

attraction of the Land Between the Lakes.

UT Chattanooga will have their Alumni Family College July 17-22 and UT Knoxville, July 24-29. The registration fee for each campus is slightly different.

For more information about the Alumni Family College at one of the three campuses, contact Bob Carroll, Director of Alumni Affairs at UTM, (901) 587-7611 or Betsy Child, Director of Alumni Programs, (615) 974-3011.

Chuckle of the week: bird word

By JON IVINS
Features Editor

Hello, and welcome once again to an amusing anecdote that I heard recently and thought appropriate to share with this community. My mother, who has a way with words, is responsible for this one!

A certain man bought a parrot from a local pet shop specializing in exotic birds. The man named his parrot Fred. After several weeks of teaching Fred to talk, the said man was pleased with the results.

The man was so pleased with Fred that he placed it on his shoulder and took it with him wherever he went.

One Saturday night the man went to the local night club with his parrot perched on his shoulder as usual. Fairly soon the parrot was gazing

from side to side and squawking, "honkytonk, honkytonk" continuously. This delighted the owner considerably, and the parrot repeated the word throughout the evening.

Next day the man went to church with the parrot on his shoulder. The man seated himself in the rear of the church. Everything was hushed and

quiet.

Fred suddenly quipped: "Honky-tonk, honkytonk!" much to the annoyance of the congregation.

Its owner shushed him, saying, "Don't say that! We're in church!" The parrot bobbed from side to side and said, "Same crowd, same crowd!"

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New catalog to include course changes

By TOMI MCCUTCHEN
Guest Writer
and
LIZ COBLE
Sports Editor

Reorganization in the Department of Physical Education and Health, and also many changes in the School of Business Administration, will be the two most noticeable differences in curricula in the 1983-84 UTM catalog, according to Dr. Sue Boren, chairperson of the committee on undergraduate curricula.

"The most important thing about this catalog is that the new proposals and changes in the curricula will be more easily understood by the students," said Boren, a professor of mathematics and computer science.

The reason for changes in the School of Business Administration is a result of the effort for this school to obtain accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Proposed changes have included a revamping of its entire curriculum, which involves changes in course names and numbers, course descriptions and course offerings, according to Boren.

"The AACSB has made several recommendations concerning the proposed School of Business curriculum changes," stated Boren.

One recommendation included the transfer of certain business courses to other schools or departments. According to Boren, an example of this procedure is the changing of Statistics 2210 into Mathematics 2210.

"The idea was that courses could be cross-listed and that the different schools and departments could help each other by sharing their available resources," Boren said.

As a result of this change, the prerequisite for Statistics 2220 will now be listed as Mathematics 2210, or the old course of Statistics 2210.

Also recommended was the deletion of Health Services Management as a major since, according to Boren, the AACSB felt that those could not continue to be offered with the desired level of resources and support.

The Business/Foreign Studies major was also deleted as such, but a similar program is being incorporated under the heading of Economics and as part of the International Business concentration.

Other changes included an increase in the number of business core course offerings that students in other majors must take. A number of course name changes were also made in the program, according to Boren, to reflect more accurately the type and description of the courses.

"One example of this was the name change of Business Administration Letter and Report Writing (two courses) to Office Administration Letter and Report Writing," said Boren.

"Most of the curricular changes for the next academic year must usually be approved by December 1," she added, "but we moved the deadline for approval back to February 1 in order to incorporate as many of the School of Business Administration changes and Physical Education and Health reorganization as possible."

The Department of Physical Education and Health has reorganized so that their course listings are related by the type of sport involved, such as water sports, individual sports, team sports, etc., according to Boren.

"This reorganization should give students better information as to what type of courses are offered and the level of skill required in each course," Boren said.

Also, a series of new courses in scuba diving has been introduced which will lead to a certification as an instructor in scuba diving. According to Boren, this is the only program of its type in this area.

The second phase of the P.E. reorganization provides Kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) certification for physical education in the public schools. It will replace similar programs in elementary education (K-8) in P.E. and secondary education (7-12) in P.E.

"This is the first such program in Tennessee and reflects proposed changes by the State Department of Education," said Boren.

Changes in the reorganization of Physical Education and Health will be effective for the Summer Quarter, 1983, and School of Business Administration changes will be effective beginning Fall Quarter, 1983.

According to Mary Beth Davidson, Director of Publications, the new catalog, complete with most of the new changes, will be ready for release after the middle of June.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Nimmo speaks on "Nightly Horrors"

"Nightly Horrors: Crisis Coverage by TV Network News," will be discussed by Dr. Dan Nimmo, UTK professor of political science tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Gooch Hall Auditorium.

Other presentations which are open to the public will include a presentation entitled, "Images and Voter's Decision-Making Processes," at 3 p.m. in Room 206 of the University Center and a program entitled "Ethical Responsibility and Accountability in Campaign Communications," Friday, April 22 at 10 a.m. in Room 201 of the University Center.

Watershow set for May 4 and 5

Original compositions and exhibits of synchronized swimming will be featured May 4 and 5 during the annual UTM Watershow.

Cile Grasfeder, associate professor of physical education and health, said the 8 p.m. performance in the P.E. Complex swimming pool will spotlight members of UTM's coeducational synchronized swimming interest group. Included will be solo, duet and group exhibitions to contemporary musical selections.

Admission is \$2 and tickets will be available at the door.

Paul Tinkle, news and operations director at WCMT Radio in Martin, will serve as master of ceremonies. Grasfeder will direct the program. Tim Barrington, professional assistant in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, will serve as technical director.

Additional information is available from the Department of Physical Education and Health at UTM, 7310.

Walker to present clarinet recital

Cindy Walker of Selmer will present her senior recital Sunday, April 24.

The 3 p.m. clarinet program in the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre will feature works by Weber, von Williams, Rameau and Mendelssohn. Rella Carp of Martin will accompany on the piano and Robert Stewart, associate professor of music, will accompany on the harpsichord.

Walker is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Music Fraternity and a little sister of Phi Mu Alpha Professional Music Fraternity. She has studied clarinet with Gilbert Carp, associate professor of music, for four years.

The program is free and open to the public.

Graduate school opportunities to be discussed

Representatives from Western Kentucky University Graduate School in Bowling Green will be in Room 218 of Gooch Hall tomorrow to discuss graduate school opportunities with students majoring in Arts and Science and Agriculture.

Piano ensemble to be presented

Dr. Allison Nelson, artist-in-residence at UTM, and Jerry Perkins, chairman of the piano department at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, will be featured in a piano ensemble program April 26 at the Harriet Fulton Performing Arts Theatre.

The 8 p.m. program will feature two-piano works by Mozart, Stravinsky, Lutoslawski, Schumann and Liszt, as well as the Brahms-Schumann Variations for Piano Duet.

Dr. Perkins studied at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati on a University Honor Scholarship and later received a doctoral degree from Boston University. He was first prize winner in the American Music Scholarship Association Competition and has made numerous appearances with orchestras, chamber ensembles and solo recitals, including his New York debut in Town Hall in 1971.

Dr. Nelson has been a full-time professor at UTM since 1971. She is known world-wide for her many performances as a soloist and ensemble performer.

The program is free and open to the public.

BSU to host outdoor concert

The Baptist Student Union will host "Sounds of Joy" in concert Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held behind the Baptist Student Center, weather permitting. The concert is free but a love offering will be taken.

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main thing," the officer said.

He also denied that everyone from the city board to the news media has listened to those tapes.

The police officers expressed some fear of being framed, but one said he is confident that Attorney General David Hayes "knows the score" and "has been keeping tabs on the police department for some time."

One officer told the *Weakley County Press* that he feels political problems have caused 75 percent of the problems.

"Politics has been our biggest problem in the department," said another officer. "For a lot of guys, to do their job is to play political games."

The officers interviewed said that the problems would be solved if the city board follows Hayes' recommendations for violations not criminal in nature.

"We've got a great department," he said. "We've got men capable of handling anything, but because of this environment, they are held back. If we ever get this behind us, the people of Martin are going to see great things out of the Martin Police Department."

One man said the whole situation stems from a lack of leadership.

"The biggest problem is poor management and bad supervision," he said.

One officer expressed faith in the citizens he serves to realize who is right and wrong.

"I still have hopes that the people of Martin, who know anything about the police department, pretty well can see we are trying to do a good job. People have done great work, but it has been messed up," he said.

The conclusion date for the investigation will depend on the agreements of officers to take polygraph tests, according to TBI agent Scott Walley.

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SPORTS

Baseball comes to close next week

By LIZ COBLE
Sports Editor

A two win-doubleheader victory of the baseball team against Bethel College earlier this week gives the Pacers a 18-12-1 record as the season nears an end.

The Pacers have six games left in their season, which ends next Wednesday.

In the first game against Bethel, Mike Prather increased his win record to 3-4 by leading the Pacera to a 4-0 victory. Prather struck out nine men in the contest.

Mike Ramsey, Rickey Bratcher and Matt Pumo led the Pacers in batting results in the game.

The Pacers defeated Bethel 5-2 in the second game behind the pitching of

Mark Newby. Newby struck out 12 Bethel batters.

Pumo, Bratcher and Paul Fullerton led the Pacers in batting in the second game.

Pumo also clinched the victory in both games with a hit.

The Pacers are 1-6 in GSC standings with two games against Livingston next week to finish their GSC season.

The team swept a doubleheader from Kentucky Wesleyan on the Pacers' home field last weekend 5-4 and 9-3 behind the pitching of Russ Hopper and Kevin Tuck, who both maintained perfect records.

Hopper, a sophomore from Savannah, entered the first game with UTM trailing 4-0. He pitched the final six-and-one-third innings, allowing only two hits and a walk while striking out seven batters to raise his record to 4-0.

Hopper got the chance for the victory after Tim Haney, a senior from Milan, sent the game into extra innings with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score at four. Johnny Dodd, a senior from Dickson, drove home the winning run on a double with one out in the ninth.

In the night cap, Tuck, a senior from Dickson, got his sixth win against no losses as he pitched his fourth complete game of the season. Tuck, who has won every game he has appeared in this season, gave up five hits, three earned runs, and five walks, while striking out eight in seven innings.

Jimbo Willis, a sophomore from Memphis, led the 11-hit Pacer attack with three RBI's, three stolen bases, two runs scored, and a two-for-three day at the plate. Ricky Bratcher, a

junior from Tullahoma, was also two-for-three with three runs scored, giving him four hits and four runs scored in seven plate appearances on the day.

Mark Newby, a senior pitcher from Martin was named Gulf South Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week last week.

Newby earned the honor with a two-hit performance against Bethel College in a 5-1 UTM victory on Monday, April 4. Newby pitched to only three batters over the possible minimum of 21. He struck out eight batters while walking only one. The win raised Newby's personal record to 2-3.

Mark Newby is the first Pacer baseball player to receive a player-of-the-week award this year.

Men's tennis team defends GSC title

The men's tennis team will be defending its Gulf South Conference title in the GSC championship tournament, set to begin on Friday, April 22, at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss. The Pacers have a 16-8 season record going into the Championship tournament.

It was just a year ago that the Pacer tennis team presented UTM with its first-ever GSC championship by sweeping all six singles titles and all three doubles titles on its home court. The Pacers are 6-0 in the GSC this year and are ranked 14th nationally in Division II of the NCAA.

As Coach Dennis Bussard says, "you can't duck the fact. We'd have to be considered the favorites."

To repeat as the champion, the Pacers would have to become the first team in four years to win the championship away from home. The last three champions, UTM in 1982, North Alabama in 1981, and Jacksonville State in 1980, have been won by the host team.

"Everyone is going to have to be mentally sharp," Bussard said of his team's chances. "There are a lot of excellent players in the conference. It would be a bad mistake for us to think that because of last year and our matches with GSC opponents this year, that all we had to do was show up. Our mental approach is of utmost importance."

At the same time, Bussard said, "our game is coming around. We are still not where we want to be, but we are getting in a groove."

Competition in the tournament for the team title should come from Valdosta State, Delta State, and North Alabama. UTM has defeated Valdosta State 6-0 (no doubles were played).

"All our players will have to be sharp," Bussard concluded. "A point is a point, whether it's at number one singles or number three doubles."

The tennis team defeated Union University 5-1 last week in Jackson.

The only Pacer loss was by number two Bob Perras 3-6, 0-6.

The team raised its season record with a 8-1 victory over David Lipacomb College of Nashville last week.

The Pacers only loss in the match was by number one Chris Brady, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6.

Last weekend the team won 30 out of 36 possible contested points in earning victories over Drury College, 9-0; Missouri-St. Louis, 9-0; St. Louis University, 8-1; after losing to Southeast Missouri State, 5-4.

Earlier this week the Pacers raised their record to 16-8 with a 7-2 victory over Christian Brothers College on the Pacers' home court.

Golf team in championship

By LIZ COBLE
Sports Editor

The UTM golf team finished second in the four-team Tennessee Intercollegiate Championship held last weekend. The tournament which was held at the University of the South in Seawane, Tenn., included Austin Peay State with a score of 608, UTM shot a 624, Tennessee Tech with 626, and Middle Tennessee State came in last with a 653.

Pat Nanney became the first UTM golfer to ever win the individual title in the University division of the tournament. He carded a first-round 76 and a 74 on the second day for a 150. That score tied him with two Austin Peay golfers, but Nanney won the championship with a par on the second play-off hole when the Austin Peay players each got a bogey.

UTM's Les Fortner finished fourth in the tournament with a 155.

This tournament will help determine contenders for berths in the NCAA Division II national championship tournament to be held next month.

The UTM golf team defeated Union University in a dual match played at

the Weakley County Country Club last week.

The Pacers shot a 292, nine strokes better than Union's 301.

UTM was led by freshman Mike Albonetti's three-under par 69, Pat Nanney, a sophomore from Sharon, posted a one-under par 71 for the Pacers.

Les Fortner and Charles Andrews rounded out the UTM foursome with a 75 and 77, respectively.

This weekend the Pacers will face their Gulf South opponents in the GSC tournament held in Jacksonville, Ala.

Last year, UTM tied for second place with Jacksonville State in the GSC tournament, which was won by Troy State. Individually, Nanney, a sophomore from Sharon, finished fourth in the GSC and earned a spot on the all-conference. Nanney is leading the team this year with a 73.3 stroke average per 18 holes.

Host team Jacksonville will have the home-course advantage and are expected to be a top finisher in the conference. Defending GSC champ Troy State and Delta State are also known top contenders for the title.

SPORTS BRIEF

Cheerleading tryouts

Workshops will begin on Monday April 25, at 3 p.m. in the Gymnastics Gym for all students interested in trying out for the UTM cheerleader squad. Everyone interested should attend the first information-sharing workshop if possible.

Tryouts will be held in the Lady Pacer Fieldhouse on Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. A squad of 10 men and women will be selected to cheer at the football and men's basketball games for the 1983-84 season.

The only requirements in order to try out are the following:

- 1.) Must be a full-time UTM student
- 2.) Must maintain a 2.0 GPA
- 3.) Must attend four of the six scheduled workshops.

Workshop dates and times are Monday, April 25—3-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26—3-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 27—3-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 28—3-5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29—2-4:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 1—6-8:00 p.m.

Workshops and selection for a student to fill the PACER PETE suit will also take place at the same time. The mascot tryouts have the same requirements, and any interested students should come to the Gymnastics Gym for the first day of workshop.

For additional information, contact Coach Rayburn in the P.E. Complex ext. 7238.

Sports Information positions available

Applications are now available to anyone interested in applying for one of two student staff position openings in the Office of Sports Information.

The Sports Information Student Assistants will serve as staff assistants in the UTM Office of Sports Information. The Men's Athletic Sports Information Assistant will assist with the promotion of the Men's Athletics program. The Women's Athletics Sports Information Assistant will assist with the promotion of the Women's Athletics program.

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April 22-23 - Gulf South Conference Championship
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April 24-27 - Gulf South Conference Championship

Jacksonville, Ala.

Intramurals softball begins

By JANE POLANSKY
Intramurals Coordinator

Intramurals softball will begin Monday, April 26. Team captains and/or team representatives must attend the important sign up meeting on Thursday, April 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the P.E. Complex Student Lounge. Teams are reminded to submit a \$10 refundable forfeit deposit along with their team roster at the meeting.

Students interested in officiating intramural softball MUST attend the softball officials clinic Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m., in the P.E. Complex Student Lounge. The clinic will be brief yet thorough.

Campus Recreation and Sigma Kappa extend their appreciation to all those who participated and attended the Sigma Splash and Intramural Swim Meet last Thursday. Approximately 180 people attended the two hour event. Every participant left with at least one t-shirt as a memento for their participation and contribution to a worthy cause. Thanks again for your support. See ya next year!

Intramural volleyball is well underway with seven teams entering the final week of play possessing a perfect record.

Next week's PACER will have the final standings of the women's, men's and co-rec volleyball season.

Lady Pacers host GSC tourney

By MARY SCHEIBERT
Student Writer

The Lady Pacer tennis team will host five teams from the Gulf South Conference in the league's championship tournament on April 22-23, the first such tournament for women's tennis.

The participants include Jacksonville State, Mississippi College, Delta State, Valdosta State, and North Alabama. Livingston and Troy State, also members of the GSC, do not field women's tennis teams. The Lady Pacers defeated each of the GSC teams 9-0 during the regular season and will be heavily favored to win the first conference championship.

Lady Pacer Coach Laurie Lynn said, "Jacksonville State will be our main challenger and it could be a real fight for the title. A lot of the individual matches have been close. There are a lot of good players in this league."

The tournament begins on Friday, April 22, at 9 a.m. and play continues

The Lady Pacer line-up for the tournament at numbers one, two, and three singles, respectively, will be Debbie Jones, a freshman from Memphis; Sandy Saunders, a sophomore from Memphis, and Nicole

Gould, a freshman from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sally Scent, a freshman from Bowling Green, Ky.; Susan Thrasher, a junior from Bristol, Va., and Kelly Mason, a junior from Memphis, will compete at the numbers four, five, and six singles, respectively.

Saturday, April 23, with the single finals at 11 a.m. and the doubles finals at 3 p.m.

"There ought to be a lot of good tennis for people to watch," Lynn said. "We're hoping for a good turnout from the community."

The Lady Pacer tennis team defeated Evansville and Western Kentucky, 8-1 and 6-3, respectively, before losing to Louisville 7-2 in a quadrangular match played at Western Kentucky last weekend.

The matches improved the Lady Pacers' record to 11-5 with two matches remaining before the upcoming Gulf South Conference tournament to be held at UTM April 22-23.

Lady Pacer's lost its match to Murray State 6-3 last week.

Some of the matches were close and according to Head Coach Laurie Lynn, "they could have gone either way."

They defeated the University of North Alabama 9-0 last week.

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Winners of the 1983 Miss Weakley County are (left to right) 2nd maid - Lisa Coleman of Martin, Miss Weakley County - Marti Robbins of Martin and 1st maid - Amy Bivens of Dresden. The pageant, held in Dresden, was sponsored by A O Pi sorority.

Acting made situations believable

By JIM BESHIRE
Assoc. News Editor

Alan Ayckbourne has been called "the British Neil Simon." Such a label makes one of his plays easy to advertise, though a little misleading. Ayckbourne is not Simon, British or otherwise.

Ayckbourne does write his plays in much the same settings as Simon. But, given an idea, two creative minds will take two distinct directions. Perhaps *Bedroom Farce* is the Ayckbourne rendition of Simon's *Plaza Suite*. Maybe *Absurd Person Singular* should be called "Kitchen Farce."

The action takes place in the kitchens of three couples on three consecutive Christmases. All three couples are distinct British characters supported by distinctly British wives. Casting was excellent. Doug Seagraves and Julie Welch played Sidney and Jane, who prove that a social mask is often more of a success than awareness. Their dash-it-all-the-show-must-go-on antics carried the first act.

The characters portrayed showed the changes that people's lives go through in only a few years. Sidney and Jane begin the show as wheelers and end up the most powerful business people in town.

On the other hand, Ronald and Marion (D.H. Sheridan and Kim Barber) hardly change—they progress, from an absent-minded banker and his wife who loves parties to an absent-minded banker and his lush wife.

The acting was quite good—the accents were well done, and the characters made the situation believable, ridiculous as it was. Mr. Snyder did an expert job of directing, as usual. The crew work was especially well done, considering there were three complete stages to be set. Sound

Time and again her intended demise was interrupted inadvertently by guests who cleaned the oven she'd stuck her head in, unstopped the sink into which she'd dropped her overdose and nearly electrocuted themselves fixing the light fixture she'd broken trying to hang herself.

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was timed to the split second.

In particular, the second act was a sideslapper of a slapstick. Stacey Dahlhauser, as Eva, the insistent suicide, all but stopped the show.

The one drawback to the dinner theatre production could be the price of the play with the meal. However, considering ticket prices to similar events, it was well worth it.

Don't Miss It

Tonight - SGA special feature movie - "Spring Break" at 10:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Twin Cinema in Union City. Admission is \$1.75.

April 22 - SAE Dance-a-thon begins. Dancing starts at 6 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. - Special Olympics in the Pacer Stadium.

April 23 - Tennessee Cup Body Building Championships and Mr. UTM. The contest starts at 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. General Admission - \$4. Students - \$2.

April 24 - SGA Movie - "The Road Warrior" will be at 3, 6 and 9 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

Campus to sing on April 30

By PATSY BOWEN
Assoc. News Editor

"I Hear America Singing" is the theme chosen by the sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma for the 22nd Annual All Sing to be held April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

The money raised during the yearly project will again be contributed to the Weakley County Children's Home in Greenfield, a year round home for

multiply handicapped children. Last year, Gamma Sig raised over \$3700 which was used to send these children to summer camp.

The groups will be competing in four different categories: sorority—Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, and Zeta Tau Alpha; fraternity—Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha Order, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Pi Kappa Alpha; dorm—Ellington Hall and McCord Hall; and

open—Church of Christ Student Center, Interfaith Center, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, KA Little Sisters, Mu Epsilon Delta and Phi Chi Theta.

Also featured during the program will be a special presentation by Ray Barnes and one by the Jazz Band.

Advance tickets are now on sale at the UC Information Desk, \$2 for students and faculty with an ID, and \$2.50 for the general public. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$3.

Swimmers have splashy time

By LINDA FONTANA
Student Writer

Kappa Alpha Order and Chi Omega were the winners in the Greek divisions of the Sigma Splash sponsored by the Sigma Alpha sorority April 14.

Other winners in the fraternity division were Alpha Tau Omega, running a close second, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, coming in third.

Alpha Omicron Pi placed second in the sorority division, and Zeta Tau Alpha came in third.

The Splash was held at the pool in the P.E. complex and was open to all social fraternities and sororities and to

individuals interested in competing in an open division.

Beth Mills, coordinator of the Splash, said, "We hope to enlarge the swim meet next year to include other campus organizations such as Mu Epsilon Delta and Alpha Phi Omega."

Mills explained that the Splash was held to raise money for the sorority's philanthropy, the Infant Stimulation Program.

Mills added that the Sigma Kappa sorority is grateful to everyone who came out and supported the charity.

Events such as the innertube relay and the T-shirt race brought out the competitive spirit in all who were involved.

Other events included in the Splash were a freestyle relay, a 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard breaststroke and a kickboard relay.



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Winners for the "April Showers of Talent" Contest sponsored by the Housing Department are: (left to right)—2nd place—Terri Chapman, 1st place—Eartha Johnson and Clyde Williams capturing 3rd.

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'The Road Warrior' rules the road

The Road Warrior, the high-velocity sequel to *Mad Max*, makes *The Cannonball Run* look like *Bambi*. Two hours of non-stop action, most of it revolving around driving and wrecking cars, is nirvana for the

Sam Peckinpah. The Road Warrior with the premise for the new film: that the world has been destroyed by nuclear war, and that humanity (at least in Australia) has been reduced to barbaric road gangs. Max (Mel

themselves around an old oil well which they have started. They are besieged by one of the nastiest groups of bikers around—led by the muscle-bound Humongous (called "the Ayatollah of Rock-and-Rollah") and driven on by the insane, Mohawked Wez. On the side of the good guys are Papadouris, the colony's leader, the green-toothed Gyro Pilot (prone to phrases like "Do you remember.... lingerie?"), and the "wild child" of the bunch, the Feral Kid, who wields a mean boomerang.

At first, Max sides with the industrialists simply out of selfish needs—he's almost out of gas—but, as the movie wears on, he finds himself more and more drawn to their cause. Finally he agrees to lead them in the final fight, an attempt to escape from the bikers with their precious gasoline, and find a safe place to live.

It's all so much comic-book nonsense, sure, but *The Road Warrior* is a lot more than this simply synopsis can put forth. There is the letter-perfect direction of George Miller, blending the absurdity of his vehicles and costumes with some of the best stunt and camerawork around; the steely directness of Mel Gibson as Max, presenting a hero that makes Alan Ladd's Shane look like Barney Fife; Brian May's pumping, gear-shifting music; and the beautiful color photography that takes full advantage of the beauty of Australia's deserts.

The Road Warrior is part of the cinema of sight, where plot takes a back seat to imagery. And in this case, this style is entirely appropriate, creating a movie as entertaining as it is fast, brutal and deadly. On a scale of 1 to 10, the return of *Mad Max* gets a high 9.

Movie Scene by Alex Bledsce

crowd that enjoys Chuck Norris and is nothing but action.

The film starts with a lightning reprise of the essential plot elements of *Mad Max*, and skillfully blends them

Gibson), a former cop, is one of the deadliest of the road warriors, and has no interest in anything beyond himself until he meets up with a tribe of reborn industrialists who have fortified

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